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SUMMARY: ON JANUARY 14, 1977, ASYG FOR SCIENTIFIC AND
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS OZDAS HELD A MEETING OF DELEGATION
OFFICERS TO DISCUSS THE AGENDA FOR THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING
TO BE HELD AT NATO HEADQUARTERS, FEBRUARY 3-4, 1977.
THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WILL BE KEYED TO THE AGENDA (AC/137-A/57),
TRANSMITTED REF (A). ACTION REQUESTED: GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR
SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING AND COMMENTS ON QUESTIONS RAISED
BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. REFERRING TO AGENDA ITEM I, OZDAS SAID HIS OPENING REMARKS WOULD
CONCENTRATE ON THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION. THE
SUBCOMMITTEE NAMED TO PRESENT PROPOSALS FOR THE COMMEMORATION
WILL MEET AT NATO NEXT WEEK, OZDAS WILL REPORT ON ITS
DISCUSSION.

2. OZDAS ANNOUNCED THAT TWO GUEST SPEAKERS WOULD
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ADDRESS THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE: GEN. P. NASLIN, NATO
DEFENSE SUPPORT DIVISION, WOULD REPORT ON DEFENSE RESEARCH
GROUP ACTIVITIES (AGENDA ITEM II); AND SIR B. FLOWERS,
CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROPEAN SCIENCE FOUNDATION, WOULD DISCUSS
HIS INSTITUTION. FLOWERS WILL ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE
AT 11:30 ON FEBRUARY 4 AND MUST DEPART IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD.

3. UNDER ITEM III, THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE
THE ALLOCATION OF CREDITS FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS. DEPUTY ASYG
FOR SCIENTIFIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS HEMILY CALLED

ATTENTION TO THE PROPOSALS LISTED IN COLUMN 11 OF ANNEX I (AC/137-D/627). ANNEX II OF THE SAME DOCUMENT SUGGESTS AN INCREASE IN THE ALLOCATION OF CREDITS FOR TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING UNDER THE PROGRAM PLANNING FUND.

4. ITEM IV, TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY, WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. OZDAS AND HEMILY ASKED THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO FOCUS ON THE QUESTIONS POSED IN ASGSEA(77)005 REGARDING POSSIBLE OBJECTIVES, THEMES, TARGET AUDIENCES, AND PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE TWENTIETH CELEBRATIONS SO THAT THE MEMBERS CAN MAKE SUGGESTIONS AT THE MEETING. THEY OUGHT ALSO TO BE PREPARED TO OFFER GUIDANCE ON WHAT PAPERS IS SHOULD COMMISSION. PARA 3 OF THE SAME DOCUMENT LISTS VARIOUS POSSIBLE THEMES FOR ANNIVERSARY DISCUSSIONS. THESE, HOWEVER, ARE ONLY PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS AND WILL BE REVISED.

5. THE WORKING DOCUMENT FOR ITEM V WILL PROBABLY BE TABLED AT THE MEETING. THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL WILL BE THE RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM.

6. UNDER ITEM VI (A), THERE WILL BE A ROUTINE REPORT. SUBITEMS (B) AND (C) ARE ON THE AGENDA AS A RESULT OF A DECISION TAKEN AT THE OCTOBER MEETING. (PARAS 11-19 OF REF C) THE 1974 PROGRAM DOCUMENT (AC/137-D/611) NEEDS CLARIFICATION, AND THERE WILL BE A DISCUSSION OF THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED UNCLASSIFIED

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BY THE COUNTRY DIRECTORS OF THE FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM.

7. ITEM VII WILL BE A ROUTINE REPORT ON THE SENIOR SCIENTISTS PROGRAM.

8. UNDER ITEM VIII (B) A MEMBER MUST BE ELECTED TO THE ADVISORY PANEL ON THE RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM. COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHOULD CAREFULLY STUDY THE BACKGROUND REPORTS ON THE CANDIDATES (AC/137-WP/90 VICE AC/137-WP/88). HEMILY RECALLED THAT THE PANEL FELT THAT IT NEEDED THE HELP OF AN EXPERT IN GEOPHYSICS.

9. ITEM IX IS A ROUTINE REPORT ON THE ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTES PROGRAM.

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10. UNDER ITEM X (A), THE COMMITTEE MUST ELECT MEMBERS OF THE MATERIALS SCIENCE PANEL. THERE ARE 11 CANDIDATES. OZDAS WILL SUGGEST THAT AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING, THE COMMITTEE SELECT ONLY 6 MEMBERW OF THE PANEL. AFTER THE PANEL HAS IDENTIFIED AREAS OF EXPERTISE THAT IT LACKS, THE COMMITTEE WILL THEN BE ABLE AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS TO ELECT QUALIFIED EXPERTS TO FILL THE LACUNAE IN THE PANEL'S COMPOSITION.

11. UNDER X (C), THE US MUST NAME A REPLACEMENT FOR THE AMERICAN WHO RESIGNED FROM THE AIR-SEA INTERACTION PANEL. THE NAME OF THE REPLACEMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

12. UNDER ITEM XI, PROJECT 2000, THE COMMITTEE MAY BE ASKED TO PASS A RESOLUTION FORMALIZING THE GENERAL FEELING OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT THE OCTOBER MEETING (PARAS 104-109, REF C) THAT THE PROJECT SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED. THERE MAY, HOWEVER, BE A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF HOW THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE COULD BE GENERALLY HELPFUL IN THE AREA OF SCIENTIFIC FORECASTING, OZDAS THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS ONE OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY PAPERS MIGHT CONSIDER THIS GENERAL TOPIC.

13. NO DISCUSSION UNDER ITEM XII, ANY OTHER BUSINESS, IS UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPECTED.

14. AS NOTED IN AC/137-N/48, THE NEXT SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN LUXEMBOURG, MAY 31-JUNE 2, 1977. THE LUXEMBOURG ORGANIZERS HAVE REQUESTED THAT EACH COUNTRY NAME ITS DELEGATION TO THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG DURING THE FEBRUARY MEETING. THEY ALSO STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL MEMBERS STAY AT THE SAME HOTEL (HOLIDAY INN) WHICH IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE MEETING SITE.

13. ACTION REQUESTED: AS INDICATED IN PARAS 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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